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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In re Application of: Jean-Luc Bouvier et al.

Serial No.: 09/994,385

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Title: Tire to Rim Rotation Limiter for a Run-Flat Assembly

Attorney Docket No.: MIC-16 (P50-0065)

Date: March 6, 2002

Art Unit: 1733

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The following completes the filing of the above-identified patent application under Rule 52, 53, and/or 85:

- [x] Rule 53 signed Declaration enclosed.
- [ ] This is a Rule 47 filing per attached Petition.
- [ ] Enclosed: Original signed Declaration with attached specification (including claims) which is a copy of specification/claims originally filed to secure above filing date.
- [ ] Specification originally filed in non-English language; hence verified translation attached of:
- [ ] Abstract [ ] \_\_\_ pages of Specification (only spec. & claims) [ ] Drawing Figs.
- [ ] \_\_\_ sheet(s) of forma drawings enclosed: size: [ ] A4 [ ] 14" [ ] 8½ by 11
- [x] Attached is an assignment to Michelin Recherche et Technique S.A.
- [ ] Priority is hereby claimed under rule 55 and 35 U.S.C. 119 based on prior foreign application(s) no(s).  
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Certified copy (copies) [ ] attached; [ ] already filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in U.S. Application, Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
- [ ] "Small Entity" status under Rules 9 & 27 claimed. [ ] Attached: \_\_\_ Verified Statement(s) establishing "small entity."
- [x] Attached is the request return copy of the PTO Notice under Rule 52, 53, and/or 85.
- [x] Attached: Information Disclosure Statement and 11 References
- [ ] Preliminary Amendment:

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